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SUBJ: CURRENT DEPLOYMENT OF UNTSO TEAMS AND UN PLANS
FOR AUGMENTATION

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1. F.T. LIU, DIRECTOR OF UN OFFICE OF SPECIAL POLITICAL
AFFAIRS (WHICH HANDLES PEACEKEEPING) FILLED US IN OCTOBER
24 ON PRESENT STATUS OF UNTSO TEAMS DISPATCHED TO SUPERVISE
CEASE-FIRE AND UN'S PLANS FOR FUTURE AUGMENTATION.

2. THERE WERE NOW SEVEN, THREE-MAN UN PATROLS OPERATING
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IN EGYPTIAN HELD TERRITORY, EACH WITH EGYPTIAN LIAISON

OFFICER. FOUT EAMS HAD BEEN DISPATCHED FROM CAIRO AT DAWN OCTOBER 24 TO AUGMENT THREE ALREADY SENT TO NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SECTORS (USUN REFTEL). OBSERVERS WERE NOW IN PROCESS OF TRYING TO FIND AND DEFINE CEASE-FIRE LINES -- A FAR MORE DIFFICULT TASK THAN IN 1967 BECAUSE OF CRAZY-QUILT PATTERN OF MILITARY FRONT LINES.

3. GEN. SILASVUO HAD INFORMED UN THAT IMMEDIATE NEED WAS FOR 12 TEAMS AND AN ADDITIONAL 43 OBSERVERS. SECRETARIAT HAD DECIDED TO FILL THIS FIRST REQUIREMENT WITH OFFICERS FROM FIVE "POLITICALLY UNCONTROVERSIAL" COUNTRIES: AUSTRALIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, IRELAND AND SWEDEN. SYG HOPED THESE 12 TEAMS WITH ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS WOULD BE IN FIELD WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS.

4. THOUGH FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE, LIU'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT SYG INTENDED TO INFORM, RATHER THAN CONSULT, COUNCIL ON INITIAL AUGMENTATION BECAUSE OF NEED FOR URGENT ACTION. FURTHER INCREASE IN UNTSO'S SIZE WOULD NO DOUBT BE REQUIRED. IF IT WERE SUBSTANTIAL, SYG WOULD PROBABLY WANT SC APPROVAL.

5. LIU SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE SOME CONTRIBUTOR COUNTRIES MIGHT SECOND OFFICERS FROM UNFICYP AND/OR UNMOGIP, BUT HE DID NOT THINK MANY WOULD FALL IN THIS CATEGORY.

5. ISRAEL HAD NOT YET PROVIDED UNTSO WITH LIAISON OFFICERS OR FACILITATED ITS OPERATIONS IN ISRAELI-HELD TERRITORY (TEL AVIV REFTEL). LIU HOPED THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT BY TOMORROW.

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